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SUBJECT: TANZANIA PROTESTS TO FRANCE

REFERENCE: DAR ES SALAAM 1030

1. GOT FONMIN MALECELA SUMMONED FRENCH AMBASSADOR DESPARMET
MARCH 27

AT WHICH TIME HE EXPRESSED TANZANIA' S GRAVE CONCERN AT REPORTED
ARMS SALES TO UGANDA. MALECELA OUTLINED DANGER SUCH ACTION
WOULD HAVE FOR PEACE OF REGION. HE ALSO EXPRESSED GOT
INDIGNATION AT REPORT THAT FRENCH PILOTS FLEW BURUNDI MILITARY
AIRCRAFT WHICH ATTACKED TANZANIAN VILLAGES TWO WEEKS AGO.
ACCORDING TO FONMIN STATEMENT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO
CONVEY THESE POINTS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. GOVERNMENT- OWNED DAILY NEWS CITING SOURCES " CLOSE TO
FRENCH GOVERNMENT" REPORTED MARCH 28 THAT GOF HAS NOT
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YET AUTHORIZED ARMS SALE TO UGANDA. SOURCES SAID IT IS EASIER, THEREFORE, FOR GOF TO BLOCK ORDER OR ABROGATE DEAL THAN IF GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY COMMITTED ITSELF.

3. EDITORIAL IN MARCH 28 DAILY NEWS HIT HARD AT PROPOSED UGANDAN ARMS PURCHASE NOTING THAT SALE WOULD " DRASTICALLY ALTER MILITARY SITUATION IN EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA". PROPOSED SALE WOULD GIVE AMIN CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT SOME OF HIS THREATS AGAINST NEIGHBORS, PARTICULARLY TANZANIA AND RWANDA. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED: " FRENCH DISPLAYED CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR PLIGHT OF AFRICANS IN THEIR DECISION TO CONTINUE TO SELL ARMS TO FASCIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME. LET THEM CORRECT THEMSELVES THIS TIME ROUND. FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHOULD PREVENT DELIVERY OF THESE ARMS WHICH WOULD SO GRAVELY THREATEN ALREADY DELICATE PEACE IN EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA".

4. COMMENT: SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL ADMITTED TO EMBOFF MARCH 27 THAT TANZANIA HAS LOOKED OTHER WAY, EXCEPT FOR COMORO ISLAND ISSUE, WHEN FRANCE HAS TAKEN ACTION CONTRARY TO INTERESTS OF INDEPENDENT AFRICAN NATIONS. SHOULD FRANCE APPROVE ARMS SALE TO UGANDA AND SHOULD ALLEGATIONS PROVE CORRECT CONCERNING INVOLVEMENT FRENCH PILOTS IN ATTACK ON TANZANIAN VILLAGES, OFFICIAL IMPLIED THAT TANZANIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD FRANCE MAY BECOME NOTICEABLY MORE CRITICAL. EDITORIAL NOTED ABOVE MAY BE HARBINGER THIS CHANGED ATTITUDE. CARTER

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